

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. ER 9256111.0005

Remarks

The rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under "Rules of the Game," of claims 4 - 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under "Rules of the Game" further in view of Pat. No. 4,802,314, and of claims 5 - 17 under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility is respectfully traversed.

Strategically positioning the various event stations within an internationally approved oval track so that a track and field event can be completed in a surprisingly short time when compared to the traditional event where each activity is carried out in singular fashion is a completely new approach to the sport. In this new approach, duplicate performing areas for each event permits the same event to be performed at more than one station thus significantly shortening the time normally required in a single event by single event agenda. In this case, men's and women's events may take place at the same time. Instead of requiring an entire day or possibly more than one day, a meet could be completed in less than one day.

Even more significant, multiple events can be carried out simultaneously, so that two running events, two high jump events, two pole vault events and two shot put events can all take place at the same time. Having a meet move forward at this pace greatly shortens the time usually spent in viewing a meet thus making it far more enjoyable to spectators who would otherwise have to spend far more time at the meet to watch the participation of a family member.

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The claimed method includes the steps of *conducting* two or more events at the same time. Such activity has not to applicant's knowledge taken place before and thus deserves patentable consideration.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw his rejection to the claims and issue a Notice of Allowance and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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